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Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

Cite Nos. F1 through F3, as listed on Form PTO/SB/08, were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/JP2004/008705, of which the presently submitted patent application is to be the National Stage. These references are not in English.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
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As a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite Nos. F1 through F3, a copy of the International Search Report, in Japanese, accompanies this paper. Although the Search Report is not in English, the categories designating the relevancy as

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assessed by the International Searching Authority are readily apparent next to the corresponding document identification numbers on the report.

Furthermore, Cite Nos. F1 and F2 are mentioned in the paragraph that begins in line 8 on page 1 in the Background Art section of the present specification.

In addition, English abstracts of Cite Nos. F1 and F2 are available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), and a copy of the corresponding abstract is attached to the back of each.

With regard to Cite No. F3, Applicants have excerpted key passages as a summary of the reference. On a sheet appended to the reference, the excerpted passages, which have been outlined with red borders in the reference, appear together with a translation of the passages by Applicants' undersigned representative.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08, and to make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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